

**Activity #15: Math**

**Title: Math in the News (Student version)**

**Purpose:**       **To understand how pervasive mathematics is in our lives**  
                     **To realize how our understanding of mathematics affects our**  
                     **understanding of so many different aspects of our lives**  
                     **To motivate students to achieve in math**

**Materials:** poster board, newspapers, glue, stapler, ruler, scissors, scotch tape, note cards or computer printouts

**Procedure:**

- 1. Students will read a newspaper and find five articles that each incorporates a different math concept in their content.**
- 2. Students will display these articles on a poster, highlighting the math portion(s).**
- 3. For each article, students will explain on a note card or computer printout what math is used and how this math affects the message in the article.**
- 4. Students will display these cards on the poster next to the appropriate article.**
- 5. Students will present their posters to the class and discuss the articles they chose.**

## **Performance Assessment List:**

**5 articles: 1 point each, 5 points total**

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**Highlighting: 1 point each article, 5 points total**

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**Poster Title: 5 points**

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**5 note cards, explaining math content: 10 points each, 50 points total**

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**Poster Presentation: 5 points**

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**Poster Appearance and Design: 5 points**

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**Your total out of a possible total of 75 points:**

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